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Virginia Air Board  
c/o Terry Darton  
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13901 Crown Court  
Woodbridge, VA 22193

Dear Air Board:

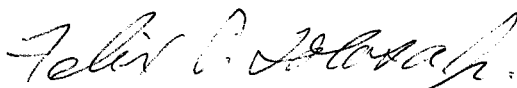
I am writing this letter to you because of my concern over the Potomac River Generating Station. I have been hearing lately in the area that City Council and some selected individuals have been trying to close down the energy plant. The word is that Mirant Power wants to install a stack merge to the plant because the existing stacks aren't high enough and cannot be raised because of the airport being close by. From my understanding, Mirant has offered to pay for this update at their own expense but the city will not grant them a permit to start this work.

I am 59 years old and have lived here in Alexandria since 1956. I have been a part of this community my entire life. I think it is time that the city gets a grasp on reality and realizes that the majority of the folks in Alexandria want this power plant to stay put. Like me, it is a part of this community.

Having our own power plant in the area, I feel has kept costs down for electricity. The only way for that to continue is for City Council to allow the power plant to stay open and grant Mirant the permit that they need to make the improvements to the existing stacks.

I am asking you to please do what you can to get Mirant the permits they need. The stack merge will help improve the air quality in the area. The demand for energy is growing, and we need to ensure that the Potomac River Generating Station will be here to supply us with our energy needs.

Yours truly,



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